

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

While we are enjoying the present, the unexpected may come. Only four weeks ago, our harvest meeting was held at Salem which has been previously reported. My people here thought they would surprise me, and they did it successfully, by way of a Sunday-school celebration in the same place where our Harvest Meeting was, in brother Jacob Katron's grove. Seven schools participated in the exercise as follows:

Middle Fork union school, Miss Riggles, organist; Geetingsville Presbyterian school, Miss Mink organist, accompanied by a string band; Koro Methodist Protestant, Miss Clearer, organist; Pleasant Valley Methodist, Miss Fergusson, organist; Cloverdale Methodist, Miss Thomas, organist; Oakland Christian, Miss Tapp, organist; Salem Brethren, Miss Beck and Miss Roxie Harold, organists. The Middle Fork Band furnished music for the occasion, which was excellent. The welcome address by Miss Roxie Eikenberry, was excellent, and well delivered. Response by Wm. W. Summers, also an address by J. M. Grant, was well received. All in all the meeting was a success, socially and spiritually. The committee of arrangements brother A. Gordon, brother A. Moore, and brother S. Eikenberry, did their work well. The brethren at Salem know how to make a success of anything. Just go to work and continue to work until the end is accomplished.

As ever the same,

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

THE REUNION REPORT.

The lower Shenandoah Brethren reunion was quite an enjoyable occasion. It was ten years since we organized as a church, and this was the first reunion held. When we first organized ten years ago, we had thirty-five members in this district. We had no church house of our own. We then had three preachers and five deacons. We now have in this district four hundred and seven members, seven preachers and twelve deacons. Out of this organization have come five other organizations. We now have three church buildings, and some others we hold some interest in, with eleven regular preaching appointments. Of the thirty five original members organized, with this reunion there were twenty of that number that answered to the roll call. Two have gone to God, who gave them life; two have withdrawn, and gone to other churches; one has fallen back, and the remaining ten failed to be present. We had at this meeting, Prof. J. H. Hall, of Harrison-

burg, with his brother Joseph and their two sisters who rendered some of the finest music we have ever heard. Dr. D. S. Shaver gave us a good practical address on every day evils. At our praise meeting, brethren J. J. Hall, S. P. Fogle, J. H. Wiseman, P. W. Wisman, J. W. Hockman, Dr. D. L. Shaver, Jno. W. Brewer, S. J. Hausenflock, J. E. Copp, W. H. Clary, (a United Brethren minister,) Z. H. Copp, Geo. L. Rinkie, E. B. Shaver, and others spoke in praise to God, for their salvation in Christ Jesus. Two sisters, Vernie Haun and my mother, Arlena Copp, stood up and praised God as their Savior.

All the congregations in the district were represented. New Market, by S. P. Fogle and wife, and Mrs. Dr. Good; Liberty, by S. A. Wine; St. Luke, by fifteen brethren and sisters; Cross Roads and Slate Hill, by seven members; eight from Mt. Pleasant; seven from Mt. Zion; one from Laurel Hill; and Maurertown and Roore Hill by nearly all the members. There were eight members present from outside of the district. Brother J. S. Bowman preached to a large crowd of people, and brother J. I. Hall is now continuing the meeting. We hope for good results for his and other laborers in these meetings. These meetings have kindled anew, the fire of love in our souls for each other and for the cause of Christ, and we trust to go out in the world and by God's power, electrify others.

GEO. A. COPP.

A SURPRISE.

The Progressive prayer meeting is well attended generally, but last evening Rev. Talley rejoiced that a larger congregation than usual was present. Services over, all slipped away quickly, while the pastor was purposely detained. In the meantime the parsonage was being filled with friends bearing mysterious packages which were piled into a handsome willow rocker. With lamps turned low and curtains drawn, all waited in silence the approaching victim. The door opened boldly, then a moment of hesitation, an exclamation, "Upon my word," and the surprise was complete. It was announced that Rev. Talley was wanted in the library immediately, where S. Smith explained that in honor of his thirty-fourth birthday, friends and neighbors with their gifts were there. The reply was in words of appreciation and gladness. Of course Mrs. Talley knew all about it, but when a filled purse was presented to her, she looked as nearly defeated as her husband did. The weather being oppressively warm, all adjourned early, after wishing the worthy couple many happy returns.—*Milledgeville Free Press.*

FROM MILLEDGEVILLE, ILL.

As Milledgeville has not been reported for some time, perhaps the readers of the EVANGELIST think the church here is dead; but it is not, although our reporters slumber, or have forgotten. We have been alive enough to our future to re-engage brother J. O. Talley as pastor for another year. A very pleasant time was had when the entire council, which had arrived at the decision in regard to the pastor, adjourned to the parsonage to inform him of our wishes. On the occurrence of the pastors birth day, a short time ago, a surprise was perpetuated on him and incidentally on his good wife. A chair was presented to the parson in which he may enjoy his declining years. The donations were so generous that the sum necessary was nearly doubled and the residue was given to Mrs. Talley.

We have brother E. D. Fike of Falls City, Neb., with us on a visit. We would be glad to have Brother Fike move back here again, and it is possible that he may do so. We hear the sad news from brother J. Livengood at Palouse, Wash., of the illness of his daughter Edith, and that her mind is affected thereby. We trust and pray that it will be temporary only. Our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition owing to the hard, earnest work of many of the members and officers, and at the re-organization next October we will try to arrange for the continuation of the same policy. The K. C. are starting in the new year with flattering prospects. Brother Norman Campton is president and what he pushes usually goes. The S. S. C. E. have balanced their books, elected new officers and are smiling over past works and future hopes. Sister Mary Fleming has been promoted from secretary, where she has served faithfully for three years, to the presidency, which ensures a vigorous effort all of the coming year. Altogether the church is strong and hopeful, and extends greeting to all the brethren.

S. A. SMITH.

August 25.

FROM ADRAIN, MO.

I left California, July 16, arrived home on the 20th. Found all well. Praise the Lord, for many, many mercies. Am now holding meetings at Adrain. Have good interest, and I am enjoying a cordial welcome after a two years' absence. I am fully in love with the Master's work everywhere, but have a preference for the work in California, mainly on account of my health, which I enjoy better there than here.

Kindly,

Aug. 27.

P. S. GARMAN.

An indifferent man is a doomed man.